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## VIA EFILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina P.O. Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

IN RE:

Joint Application of Americatel Corporation and Startec Global Operating Company for

Approval of a Pro Forma Restructuring

Docket No. 2007-416-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On November 20, 2007, Americatel Corporation ("Americatel") and Startec Global Operating Company ("Startec") applied for approval of the merger of Startec into Americatel. Americatel, the surviving entity, will continue to use the Startec name for Startec customers and will revise its tariff to include the Startec product service offerings. The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has reviewed the joint application and the verified testimony of Robert Felgar and has no objection to the proposed merger provided Americatel assumes any financial obligations of Startec to the intrastate Universal Service Fund, Interim LEC fund, or the filing of gross receipts.

ORS also requests that the Commission require the companies to provide the Commission and ORS notification of the completion of the transaction such that Startec's certificate of public convenience and necessity may be cancelled.

Please accept the original of this letter for filing and return the copy enclosed to me in the envelope provided. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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Sincerely,

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